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SUBJECT: AMERICAN POUCH, REMOVAL ACTION, CHICAGO, IL

POLREP: FOUR AND FINAL SITE ID: LJ D.O.#: 7460-05-164

RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA

START DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1990

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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1. SITUATION:

- A. ERCS SUBCONTRACTOR OH MATERIALS DEMOBILIZED 11-29-90.
- B. ALL LAB PACK CHEMICALS WERE PACKED AND SHIPPED TO CHEM WASTE MANAGEMENT'S CHICAGO INCINERATOR FOR DISPOSAL ON 12-11-90. ONE 20 CU YD ROLLOFF BOX CONTAINING NON-HAZARDOUS DEBRIS WAS SHIPPED TO CID FOR DISPOSAL ON 12-18-90.
- C. 20 DRUMS REMAINED SECURED IN AN INTERIOR ROOM IN BLDG.
- D. ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR DISPOSAL PARAMETERS AND DRUM COMPATIBILITY GROUPS WERE FINALLY RECEIVED 2-15-91. PEI BEGAN FILLING OUT WASTE PROFILE SHEETS BUT WERE NOT SENT TO THE OSC UNTIL MARCH 28, 1991, FOR SIGNATURE.
- E. ON 2-13, THE OSC AND TAT RESAMPLED EIGHT DRUMS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF EACH COMPOSITE GROUP WITH THE APPROPRIATE PROFILE. A TOTAL OF NINE COMPOSITE SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED. THE SAMPLES WERE PACKAGED IN COOLERS, CHAIN OF CUSTODY ATTACHED, AND SECURED IN THE ROOM CONTAINING THE DRUMS. THE SAMPLES WERE TO BE SHIPPED WHEN THE PROFILES WERE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED BY THE OSC.
- F. ON APRIL 2, THE OSC WAS NOTIFIED BY THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT VANDALS HAD ENTERED THE ROOM CONTAINING THE REMAINING WASTE STREAMS AND REMOVED THE SAMPLES FROM THE COOLERS. THE OSC AND TAT RESPONDED TO THE SITE AND MET WITH THE CPD. NO RELEASE OF MATERIAL HAD OCCURRED, BUT THREE COOLERS, EACH CONTAINING THREE SAMPLES HAD BEEN STOLEN. ONE SAMPLE WAS PRESENT AND STILL INTACT.

2. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. RESAMPLING OF EIGHT DRUMS BY TAT AND OSC ON 2-13-91.
- B. OSC AND TAT MET WITH THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON 4-2 TO RETRIEVE SAMPLE AND RESECURE ROOM CONTAINING DRUMS. A WALKING INSPECTION OF THE FIRST FLOOR AND AREA SURROUNDING BUILDING DID NOT TURN UP ANY OF THE MISSING EIGHT SAMPLES OR COOLERS. THE OSC FILED A POLICE REPORT AND PLACED THE LOCAL PRECINCTS ON NOTICE REGARDING ANY REPORTS OF THE SAMPLES BEING FOUND.

- C. ON 4-3, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LINDE SPECIALTY GASES EMERGENCY ACTION TEAM TRANSPORTED ONE EMPTY CYLINDER OF ACETYLENE TO THEIR FACILITY IN EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA FOR DISPOSAL.
- D. FINAL DISPOSAL OF ALL REMAINING DRUMS TOOK PLACE ON 4-4. TEN COMPOSITE GROUPS, A TOTAL OF 20 DRUMS, WERE TRANSPORTED BY THE INDIANA ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSPORT COMPANY TO U.S. POLLUTION CONTROL INDUSTRIES OF INDIANA (US PCII) FOR FUELS BLENDING:

COMPOSITE GROUP	NO. OF DRUMS
BASE/NEUTRAL SOLIDS	3
AQUEOUS LIQUID	1
ACID LIQUID	1
CL ACID SOLID	2
FLAM AQUEOUS LIQUID	1
FLAM ORGANIC LIQUID	8
CL ORGANIC LIQUID	1
CAUSTIC LIQUID	2
NON HAZARDOUS/NON REGULATED	1

3. PLANS:

- A. PEI TO FINALIZE REMAINING AWAIT BILL CHARGES AND ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED.
- B. TAT TO PREPARE OSC REPORT OUTLINE.
- C. SITE CLEANUP IS COMPLETE.

4. KEY ISSUES:

- A. STOLEN SAMPLES COULD POSE A PROBLEM TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY FIND THE QUART SIZE CONTAINERS AND OPEN THEM. CPD HAS BEEN GIVEN ALL APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND PROCEDURES TO CONTACT THE OSC IF ANY ARE FOUND.

5. STATUS:

- A. CASE CLOSED
- B. COSTS AS OF 4-5-91

	PROJECT CEILING	4-4-91 *	TO DATE
ERCS	\$ 98,000.00	\$11,405.32	\$92,086.58
TAT	6,750.00	600.00	2,802.08
EPA DIR	4,950.00	240.00	5,130.00
EPA INDIF	7,950.00	424.00	9,063.00
TOTALS	\$117,650.00	\$12,669.32	\$109,081.66

* ESTIMATION OF ERCS AND TAT CHARGES FOR THIS DAY.

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